

*"Expectation leads to action based upon belief"*

*When I was about 8 years old my mom received a phone call from the local grocery store telling her my name was drawn to win the brand new bmx bike they were giving away. Without delay we jumped into the car and drove to the store to receive the prize I had won. As you could imagine the heart of an eight year old boy was exploding with expectation of riding that new bike. We couldn't get to the store fast enough. We believed the person who called and told us we had won and that belief led to the action of dropping what we were doing and drive to the store to claim the prize.*

*God's Word is full of promise after promise for those who serve him. There is the promise that he will never leave us. There is the promise of forgiveness when we confess our sins. There is the promise of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the life of the believer. There is the promise an abundant provision to those who tithe. There is the promise of living for eternity in his presence. There is the promise that he hears all of our prayers. There is the promise that he won't give us more than we can handle.*

*I wonder how many times I go about my day or week and am not expecting God's Word to be fulfilled in my life? I wonder if my actions demonstrate a belief in his promises? For you see, if I expected God's promises to be fulfilled in my life then my actions would show it. For instance, if I believe God's Word that he is my defender and that vengeance is his then based upon that expectation of his promise I don't need defend myself. I don't need to seek vengeance, for God will take of it.*

*How about for you? Are you expecting God's Word to be fulfilled in your life? Do you believe his promise to restore the broken hearted? Do you believe his plans for you are good plans?*

*Lord, help us to believe in your promises. Fill our hearts with expectation that will cause our actions to reflect our belief in who you are. You are a great God and we love you.*